CURRENT COMMENT.

THE latest census gives London a population of 6,177,913.

A HEAVY rain occurred recently near Karnes City, Tex., and after it was over the prairie was found to be covered with live fish of the perch variety.

THE average cash capital brought in by the immigrants who landed on our United States and Russia were someshores during the last fiscal year, as what strained, the Russian governreported by the treasury department,

THE Maine Bible society has, during the past year, found 955 towns in the state without religious worship, and half the families visited were found to be without religious influences.

THE Brooklyn Health Culture club will early in October, on a rainy day, come out in their new "common sense" costumes. The object of the club is to set an example of sensible dressing. The club is composed of society and professional women.

Ir appears that of the 50 establishments in the United States that have adopted the profit-sharing system, only 12 have continued it. Five have abandoned it indefinitely and 33 permanently. Such a plan works very well so long as there are profits to share.

LONDON has been aroused to the ne cessity of having a 30-foot channel open into the Thames at all stages of the tide in order to be able to compete with Southampton and Liverpool. Vessels drawing 27 feet can pass only 13 days in the year and those drawing 25 feet on 125 days.

THREE ten-inch steel breech-loading guns are about to be mounted at Old Point, at the mouth of the James river. They are 31 feet long, weigh 67,000 pounds each and have a range of many miles. The idea that Uncle Sam is doing nothing for coast defense is a misapprehension.

A SCHEME is on foot to creet a gigantic model of the globe, surrounded by staircases, twice the size of the proposed globe, for the Paris exhibition. The scale will be one-five-hundredths of nature, and the globe will take two years to build. London will be about the size of an English penny. A number of public men have written letters favoring the idea.

ACTING under an act of the legislature passed at Albany last winter, Warden Sage, of Sing Sing prison, will at once inaugurate the Bertillon system for the identification and measuring of the criminals now in Sing Sing ison. There are 15 measurements in all. If the Bertillon system becomes universal it will be no trouble to locate the whereabouts of any criminal.

THE total production of crude pe troleum in the United States in 1895 was 52,983,526 barrels, valued at \$57, 691,279, against 49,344,516 barrels in the previous year, valued at \$35,522,095. Since the beginning of operations in Titusville, Pa., in 1859, the enormous total of 709,713,403 barrels of crude petroleum have been produced in this country, of which 516,657,260 barrels represent the product of the Pennsylvania and New York oil fields.

As the amount of silver dollars the treasury available for the redemption of treasury notes has become reduced to \$10,659,152 and will be further reduced by redemption during the current month, the coinage of silwer dollars by the mints will be increased from \$1,500,000 to \$3,000,000 per month from the 1st of August in order that the treasury may have a sufficient stock to redeem notes presented in exchange for silver dollars. The amount of notes redeemed in silver dollars and cancelled from November 14, 1891, to July 14, 1896, was \$28,402,-

SINCE July 1, 1895, the total number of pension claims of all kinds has decreased 56,546. This leaves the aggre gate number now awaiting action 495. 564. The actual number of claimants is, however, only 410,922. The difference in the figures is due to duplications. There are 176,585 cases of claimants to whom no pension whatever was issued. The number on the pension rolls is steadily decreasing, the total number of pensions everywhere being a little over 970,000, a slight decline. It is estimated that 30,000 pensioners have died during the fiscal year which has just closed.

THERE is a possibility that the profect of the late "Brick" Pomeroy to tunnel the Rocky mountains may be revived. Friends of the widow and some of the largest stockholders have been casting about for some way to get back the money-\$1,000,000-sank in the tunnel. Experts are now in Colorado examining the property, and when their report is made the stockholders will decide whether to go on with the job. "Brick" Pomeroy thought that by a tunnel, which could afterwards be used by railroads, unlimited supplies of gold, silver and other metals would be laid bare.

Ir William J. Bryan should get into the white house he will be the youngest man who has ever occupied it. Grant was 47 years of age at the time of his inauguration. Bryan will be but 37 years next March. Bryan's youth shows up when it is told that the average age of the 24 men who have been presidents of the country is nearly 56 years. The facts show that of the 34 only four were under the 50 mark. Those were Grant, Cleveland. who was 48 when he started on his first term in 1885, and Pierce and Garfield, who were 49 when they began burned badly. their careers as presidents.

Gleaned By Telegraph and Mail.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL

WILLIAM J. DRYAN, the democratic nominee for president of the United States, made a speech on the 14th on the money question, comparing the planks in the platforms of both the lemocratic and republican parties.

IT was reported on the 4th at New York that Cornelius Vanderbilt, Sr. had been stricken with paralysis. DIAZ has been re-elected president of

Mexico. A BECENT Washington dispatch stated that the relations between the

ment insisting upon its right to punish any Russian who falls into its power after becoming a citizen of the United States.

A SEATTLE, Wash., dispatch of the 15th stated that Gen. Duffield, chief of the coast geodetic survey, had arrived at that city on his way to Alaska to gather information bearing upon the boundary dispute with England.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY HAMLIN, Of the treasury, has issued a brief statement on the political crisis. He thinks there should be no republican, no democrat, but a union of the loyal citizens of the republic against the forces that controlled the Chicago convention. As he had just before had a conference

with President Cleveland at Gray Gables, it was believed his statement reflected the views of the president on the present political crisis. More than 100 replies had been re seived up to the 16th by the committee

at Chicago which issued the call for a sound money democratic convention. The replies came from Maine, Michigan, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Indiana. The plan favored was the appointment of a national committee which could meet in conference and issue a call for a convention.

Ex-Gov. W. E. Russell, of Massachuetts, was found dead at the camp of B. F. Dutton at St. Adelaide, Pabos, Que., on the 16th. The cause was thought to have been heart disease. He was 39 years old.

WILLIAM S. HOLMAN, the watch dog of the United States treasury, was nominated on the fifth ballot on the 17th by the democrats of the Fourth Indiana district for congress. He is now 77 years old.

According to private advices from Havana Gen. Jose Maceo, the Cuban insurgent leader, was killed in an engagement in the Gato hills.

J. J. O'CONNOR, of Savannah, Ga., was re-elected president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Thomas J. Dundan, of Columbus, O., treasurer.

WILLIAM C. WHITNEY, of New York, nas formally bolted the ticket nominated at Chicago. He said nothing could induce him to vote for Bryan or to assist in any way in his election. Beyond that he was silent.

THE correspondence which has passed between the United States and Great Britain respecting the establishment of a general system of arbitration for settling disputes between the two nations has been made public. The correspondence denotes an advance in the direction aimed at, but a satisfactory arbitration treaty between the two countries seems still very dis-

MISCELLANEOUS.

H. J. WHIGHAM, of Chicago, won the amateur golf championship of America at Southampton, L. I., defeating Champion McDonald, of Chicago.

SCHRADER, the so-called divine healer, was creating a great sensation at suicide of a week before. Guthrie, Ok., and the street in front of his stopping place was blockaded by crowds of people gathered to be healed or blessed. Many remarkable cures were said to have occurred.

LIGHTNING struck a gas well near the farm of Michael Witney at Muncie, Ind., and ignited it. All efforts to put the blaze out have been futile and it was said to be impossible to go closer than 50 feet to the roaring monster.

A TRAIN on the Chicago & Alton road split in two and afterwards came together, killing Brakeman Cowan and wrecking one car.

W. L. Liste, a miner employed in the Claude shaft at Cripple Creek, Col., while being hoisted to the surface, let go the rope and dropped 125 feet to the bottom.

THE Baptist Young People's union onvention at Milwaukee elected John H. Chapman, of Chicago, as president; Rev. H. W. Smith, of Waukegan, Ill., recording secretary, and Frank Moody, of Milwaukee, treasurer. Denver. Col., was chosen as the next meeting place

FRANK JUNE, his wife and child left Grand Haven, Mich., recently in a small sloop. The boat was found afterward upturned on the beach at Lake Harbor and it was supposed all three were drowned.

THE Quincy (III.) Baseball association, a member of the Western assoeiation, has quit playing and the players have been paid off.

BUFFALO BILL's band wagon was driven under the Fort Wayne railroad bridge at Massillon, O., on the 16th and all the occupants scraped off. Four musicians were frightfully injured and two will probably die. The wagon was drawn by eight horses, which got beyond control of the driver.

A FAMILY of nine children were poi soned at Santiago, Minn., by drinking lemonade which contained some po sonous ingredients. The children died one after the other and the parents were said to be very sick.

ED CORRIGAN, the well known turfman, had a narrow escape on the 16th at Cincinnati from death at the hands of a discharged employe, a negro, John Phillips, who attacked him with a knife. Corrigan was armed only with an umbrella, and protected himself as best he could. He received a cut near the left elbow, however. Phillips es-

LIEBER'S brewery, in Indianapolis Ind., was damaged by fire to the extent of \$135,000, and the watchman was

CHARLES MARGRAVE, the postmaster at Emory Gap, Tena., was shot from ambush while going home and fatally wounded. William Lefew is under ar rest on suspicion. Lefew's brother was shot and killed last Christmas in Margrave's store. Margrave was charged with the crime.

John Gonsalves and John Gasparri, Italian sailors, quarreled in a cabin of the fishing smack Lenora at Charleston, S. C., on the 17th and Gasparri plunged a knife into the stomach of Gonsalves, disemboweling him. Gasparri afterwards ran into the cabin and committed suicide by drawing the same knife with which he had killed his victim across his throat, severing it from ear to ear.

THE strikers at the Brown company's works at Cleveland, O., on the 17th were charged by the militia because they threw stones at them and at least a dozen men were bayoneted and seriously hurt.

THE Hallett & Davis Co., dealers in pianos and organs at Chicago, have made an assignment. A statement was filed showing assets of \$283,000; liabilities, \$140,000.

Two brothers, Charles and Leonard Birner, went swimming near Quincy, Ill., and both were drowned. It was thought they had the cramps.

Business failures for the week ended the 17th (Dun's report) were 269 in the United States, against 256 for the same time last year, and 85 in Canada, against 39 last year. GEORGE FISHER, of Swanville, Ind.,

fell from a haystack and alighted on a pitchfork, the times entering his chest and killing him. A DESTRUCTIVE tornado swept through the Adirondacks recently. A funnelshaped cloud struck the earth between

Fort Edward and Argyle, in Washington county, N. Y., destroying farm dwellings and barns. Damage was also done at several other places, but no loss of life was reported. A NUMBER of ore handlers at Cleveland, O., crowded upon the ferryboat and when it was about half way over

the river it turned over and the occupants were thrown into the water and most of the unfortunate men sank like lead. The life-saving crew, whose station is near the scene of the accident, was summoned and they recovered ten bodies, which were taken to the morgue. It was thought that one or two more victims might be added to the list.

MARY SNODGRASS, a white woman, was hanged at Cceburn, Va., recently for cremating her negro girl baby. She was detected while in the act of pressing the baby's body on the flames with a large shovel.

Two men walked into the store of Fickle & Borman at Eldred, Ill., re- York, while Messrs. Dawes, of Illinois; cently and ordered the clerk and four men to hold up their hands. The rob- diana, and Leland, of Kansas, will do bers then tied the five men and robbed | their work for the campaign from the them of over \$400.

Johnny Van Heest, of Kansas City, in can be secured and prepared for the six rounds at Albany, N. Y., on the opening of headquarters. Speakers

THE strikers at the Brown Hoist works at Cleveland, O., were irritated by the news that the company had got a lot of non-union men from Canada and Cincinnati and they appointed committees to patrol certain territory in the neighborhood of the works early on the morning of the 15th and man was spied he was pounded and beaten, the police being utterly powerless to cope with the strikers. The mayor ordered a company of militia

to the scene of the rioting. LENA SHULTE, an 18-year-old girl committed suicide at Pittsburgh, Pa.

A SPECIAL to the Cincinnati Enquirer on the 19th indicated a reign of terror in the counties of Scioto, Meigs and Gallia, O. At Portsmouth the Second Presbyterian church was badly damaged by dynamite. Attempts were also made to blow up other buildings. A gang of 27 outlaws were said to be evading all efforts of the officers and posse to capture them. The large stock barns of Judge H. A. Kentz have also been burned by the incendiaries.

THE Spaniards under Gen. Suarez Inclan have sustained a crushing defeat in Cuba at the hands of the insurgents under Antonio Maceo. Not only vas Inclan's column defeated with heavy loss, but it was reported in Havana that the Spanish general himself was captured and is now held a prisoner by Maceo.

DAN DICKS, colored, was recently lynched at Ellentown, S. C., for an attempted assault on a woman.

Ar Anniston, Ala., W. P. Rouse and Nora Tanner, a dissolute woman, fought a duel with pistol and knife. Both were killed, the woman being literally cut to pieces.

THE car barns of the Chicago City Railway Co. were burned on the night of the 18th. They occupied threefourths of a square. The company lost 554 cars, 160 of them being grip cars. Fourteen horses were also burned to death. The loss was estimated at \$500,000; insurance, \$311,000. Three men were discovered dead in the ruins the next day. It was thought the crossing of electric wires caused

the fire. THE town of Malvern, Ark., was alnost wiped out by fire early on the 18th. The total loss was variously estimated at from \$200,000 to \$400,000, only a small portion of which was covered by insurance. The fire was in-

endiary. JOHN DUCTO & SONS' brick building and a dozen smaller frame structures were burned at Ashtabula, O., on the Loss, \$50,000; insurance only partial.

JOHN GOODE, a Creek Indian convicted at Okmulgee, I. T., for theft, has been sentenced to be shot, this being his third offense.

EX-SPEAKER THOMAS B. REED has announced that he will again be a candidate for the republican congressional nomination of the First district of Maine and will shortly go into the ulous escapes, but no loss of life is recampaign on behalf of McKinley and ported.

RUSSELL DEAD.

Boston, July 17.-Ex-Gov. W. E. Russell, of Massachusetts, was found dead at the camp of B. F. Dutton at St. Adelaide, Pabos, Que., yesterday. lie was as well as ever when he retired last night, but was found in bed church was badly damaged by dynadead this morning. The cause is mite. Previously there were attempts thought to have been heart disease. Col. H. E. Russell and Col. Francis powder house of the street rail-Peabody, Jr., left for Massachusetts with the body. Sketch of His Career.

William E. Russell was born in Cambridge. Mass. September 6, 1857. He entered Harvard college in 1873 and is described during that college in 1873 and is described during that period as a hearty, manly, out-of-door student, who loved to lead the cheering at the boat races and ball games. After his graduation from Harvard in 1877, young Russell took a three years' course at the Boston university law school. In 1881 he was elected a member of the Cambridge council and two years lates to the worst house.

two years later to the upper house.

Mr. Russell had become by this tin., the leader of the younger element of his party in Massachusetts and when it gained the ascenency, which it did shortly, he was made the gubernatorial nominee. This was in 1888 when the tariff was the leading issue all over the country and his campaign was devoted to the discussion of this question. His advocacy of reform up in these lines gained him national note which compensated, in a measure, for his defeat by Gov. Ames. Despite his defeat, how-ever, he had polled 1,000 more votes than Mr. Cloveland, who was running simultaneously

for the presidency.
In 1989 Mr. Russell ran against Gov. Brackett and was defeated again, although his oppo-nent's plurality was reduced from 29,000 to 6,-7.5. Russell's hour of triumph came the succeeding year, when he was elected upon his third nomination, being the 33d governor of the state, the youngest man that ever sat in the governor's chair in Massachusetts, and the third democratic incumbent since the war. It

candidate upon the ticket was beaten. During the last five years of his life ex-Gov. Russell held no public office, but the ex-governor was long considered a presidential possibility, and he was indersed for the nomiation by the Massachusetts democracy. It the sound money wing of the democrac controlled at the Chicago convention last is chances would probably have been inferior o those of no other aspirant

THE WORKERS NAMED.

Men Who Will Have Charge of New York and Chicago Republican Headquarters. CANTON, O., July 17. - Joseph H. Manley, Powell Clayton, H. C. Hayne, Charles G. Dawes, M. P. Scott, Cyrus Leland, members, and Gen. Osborne, of Massachusets, secretary of the republican executive committee, reached here last night from Cleveland to confer with Gov. McKinley on matters pertaining to the campaign. While none of the details of the conference are given out it is understood that Messrs. Quay, of Pennsylvania; Manley, of Maine; Scott, of West Virginia; Clayton, of Arkansas, and Gen. Osborne, of Boston, will have charge of the headquarters in New Payne, of Wisconsin; Durbin, of In-Chicago headquarters. The campaign TOMMY WHITE, of Chicago, defeated is to begin just as soon as buildings will at once be put in the field and set to work on the aggressive campaign such as has been mapped out by the committee. At the conclusion of the conference Mr. Manley said that while the opposition had chosen their vice presidential candidate from Maine and Mr. Sewall claimed the state, he had not the slightest idea that Maine would hunt the men, and when a non-union change her record of always voting the republican ticket.

It is reported that the committee will make every possible effort to induce Mr. McKinley to make a trip through the west, or at least deliver some speeches in that section. Some western committeemen are strongly in through brooding over her brother's favor of having the campaign open in Omaha or Lincoln, Neb.

oo Many frowd onto It and Twenty Were Thrown into the Water.

CLEVELAND, O., July 17 .- Fifteen lives were lost in an accident which occurred about 7:30 o'clock yesterday evening on the old river bed near the ore docks of the Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad Co. The ore handlers had just quit work for the day and were waiting their turns to cross the branch of the river on the flat-bottomed ferryboat, which they had provided for this purpose. A number of the men had crossed. When the ferry reached the dock the last time, at least 20 men crowded upon it. The boat, which is about 30 feet long and not more than four feet wide, would carry safely not more than a dozen persons.

The boat was pushed from the shore and was being propelled across the stream. When it was about half way over it began to sink. Then, as the men rushed to the side, it turned over. All the occupants were thrown into the water. The first report of the accident placed the number of dead at 2, but that proved to have been an exaggeration

SON AGAINST FATHER.

Harold K. Sewail Replies to a Question Concerning His Position with Regard to His Father.

BATH, Me., July 17.-Harold K. Se wall, son of the democratic nominee for vice president, left the democratic party a year ago and has since been an enthusiastic republican worker. Ir reply to an inquiry from the New York Herald as to whether he would support or oppose his father, young Sewall

says:

The republicans of Maine have never failed to carry Maine for their presidential ticket, and never will. My relationship to the demovice president has never ected my political action, nor will it now HAROLD K. SEWALL

TORNADO IN NEW YORK. Adirondacks Visited by a Funnel-

Shaped Cloud-Much Damag SARATOGA, N. Y., July 17 .- A destructive storm swept through the Adirondacks yesterday afternoon. A funnel-shaped cloud struck the earth between Fort Edward and Argyle, Washington county, destroying farm dwellings and barns. Near Durketown and in Moreau 11 buildings were wrecked. Between Argyle and North Argyle, property valued at \$10,000 was destroyed. There were many miracREIGN OF TERROR.

A Gang of Outlaws Carrying Things with a

CINCINNATI, July 20. - A special to the Enquirer indicates a reign of terror in the counties of Scioto, Meigs and Gallia, bordering on the Ohio river. At Portsmouth the Second Presbyterian to blow up with dynamite the way company and the Offnere school building. A gang of 27 outlaws are said to be evading all efforts of the officers and posses to capture them in Meigs and Gallia counties. Several people have been robbed on the highways and many houses have been bur glarized. Yesterday the large stock barns of Judge H. A. Kentz were burned by incendiaries. Vigilance committees are on duty around Pome roy and Middleport.

A SILVER ULTIMATUM.

Democrats Must Support None but Fre

Sr. Louis, July 20 .- The silver party eaders formulated a new demand, which meets the approval of the populists who have been consulted. It is that they shall insist upon the withdrawal of all the democratic congressional nominees who are "sound money" or gold standard men, or if they will not withdraw, that the silver men and populists unite in putting up in every congressional district a free silver candidate. This, it is urged, should be presented to the national democratic committee as an ultimatum. The populists it is understood, are to concentrate their work and attempt to elect a congress which will favor free silver, and to accomplish this it is necessary to have the co-operation of the democrats.

FIRE FIENDS.

The Town of Malvern, Ark., Virtually De

MALVERN, Ark., July 20.-The entire town was destroyed by fire early Saturday morning only three houses being left standing. The loss will aggregate \$400,000. The fire was of incendiary origin and four men are now under arrest. Malvern was a place of about 6,000 inhabitants, the business portion of the place being clustered around the railroad station. The burned buildings include the railroad depot, two hotels, the bank and all of the principal business houses. The blaze broke out in three different places, and, as there was no apparatus, the fire burned itself out.

REED AND M'KINLEY.

The ex-Speaker Will Take the Stump for the Man Who Defeated Him at St. 1 ouls. PORTLAND, Me., July 20.-Thomas B. Reed has announced that he will again be a candidate for the republican congressional nomination of the First district of Maine. This sets all doubt on the point at rest, and means that he will probably be, unanimously nominated at the convention to be held next month. In such case his admirers expect that he will sweep the dis trict by such a majority as has never before been polled there. Mr. Reed will shortly go into the campaign on behalf of McKinley, Hobart and sound

Big Fire in Chicago. CHICAGO, July 20.-The car barns of the Chicago City Railway Co. on Cottage Grove avenue, near Thirty-Ninth street, were burned Saturday night. The barns were 150 feet long, 400 feet deep, and occupied three-fourths of a square. They were filled with cars, being the stable for the entire system The company lost 554 cars, 160 of them being grip cars. Not a thing in the proof, sheds water and never building was saved. The loss is estinated at \$500 000

contents were insured for \$311,000. Conflict of Authority

LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 20. - Ever since Mayor Todd was chosen to fill the unexpired term of the late Mayor Tyler there has been a conflict of authority between that official, who is a repub lican, and the democratic board of pub lic safety in the management of the city's affairs. At a meeting of the city council last night, charges having for their object the impeachment of the board of safety were presented and the aldermen decided to push the fight against the board.

An Elopius Couple Arrested LOGANSPORT, Ind., July 20.—Rev. G. E. Scott and Dora Dorlan were arrested here, the result of a circular etter offering \$50 reward for their apprehension. They eloped from Waterloo, Ia., July 7, and, coming directly here, registered at a leading hotel as man and wife. Scott is 45 years old and has a wife. The girl is 15 and the daughter of a prominent Waterloo citi-

McKinley and Bryan at Topeka. TOPEKA, Kan., July 20.- William J. Bryan will address the people of Kan-sas at the Topeka fall festival, September 30. The day following Maj. McKinley will be here and speak to the old soldiers' state reunion. Positive promises have been secured from both presidential candidates, and the people are preparing for a great time.

Awful Loss of Life. SAN FRANCISCO, July 20. - News received from Japan up to July 3 states that the loss of life from the recent tidal wave was between 25,000 and 30,-000. The government has received re ports from all the devastated districts. and it is thought all the victims of the disaster have been found or accounted

Gov. Stone to Speak in Alabas BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 20 .- William . Stone, of Missouri, has accepted an invitation from the state democratic campaign committee to make a series of speeches in Alabama during the week prior to the state election, which occurs August 3.

Greece Preparing for War. ATHENS, July 20.—The Greek government has decided to send reinforce ments of troops to the Graeco-Turkish frontier, owing to the strained relations between Greece and Turkey immediately growing out of the Cretan insurrection.

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She-"When they hear you are going to be married, dear, won't they raise your salary?" He-"I am afraid not, darling; they have heard it so often before."-Truth. "Mary, I hope you took good care of

my animals while I was away." "Indeed I did; only once I forgot to feed the "I hope she didn't suffer." "0, cat." no! She ate the canary and the parrst." -Fliegende Blatter. Bobrey-"Did Mr. Slimpley buy those tickets you expected to sell him for the

concert in aid of the orphan asylum?" Gimbey-"No; but he promised to write letter expressive of his sympathy for the glorious cause."-Roxbury Gazette. "Standing committees in our club?" said the new woman. "Certainly. All ormed of members who are in the habit of riding in the trolley cars." The man, in conscious guilt, blushed vociferously,

as Mr. Stephen Crane might say.-In-

dianapolis Journal.

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